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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2003*):

6 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
7 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
8 under oath, except that renewals from the year immediately preceding
9 need not be under oath, stating such information as the commissioner
10 requires, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is
11 sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the
12 license. (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license
13 shall, in the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a
14 copy of his birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of his date of

15 birth and evidence of identity. (3) Before granting a license to any
16 applicant who has not previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle
17 operator's license, or who has not operated a motor vehicle during the
18 preceding two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to
19 demonstrate personally to him, his deputy or a motor vehicle inspector
20 or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner
21 directs, that: [the] (A) The applicant is a proper person to operate
22 motor vehicles of the class for which he has applied, has sufficient
23 knowledge of the mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe
24 operation by him and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws
25 concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road, (B) the applicant
26 has not accepted citizenship in any country other than the United
27 States, has not participated in terrorist activities and has not served in
28 any armed forces with the intention of harming the United States, and
29 (C) the applicant is a citizen of the United States, and has been lawfully
30 admitted for residence in the United States, as determined by the
31 United States Immigration Service, or has been granted other legal
32 status in the United States, as determined by the United States
33 Immigration Service. If any such applicant has held a license from a
34 state, territory or possession of the United States where a similar
35 examination is required, or if any such applicant is a person honorably
36 separated from the United States armed forces who applies within two
37 years following the separation and who, prior to the separation, held a
38 military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that
39 for which he has applied, the commissioner may waive part or all of
40 the examination in his discretion. When the commissioner is satisfied
41 as to the ability and competency of any applicant, he may issue to him
42 a license, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the
43 commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor
44 vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate. (4) If any applicant or
45 operator license holder has any health problem which might affect
46 such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the
47 commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to
48 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding
49 such problem, he is a proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and he

50 may further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed
51 by a medical authority designated by him, which certificate shall in all
52 cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license,
53 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may
54 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be
55 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either
56 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person
57 whom he determines to be incapable of safely operating a motor
58 vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each motor vehicle
59 operator's license issued to or renewed by a deaf or hearing impaired
60 person shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such
61 impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating such
62 impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and signed
63 by a licensed health care practitioner. (5) The issuance of a motor
64 vehicle operator's license to any applicant who is the holder of a
65 license issued by another state shall be subject to the provisions of
66 sections 14-111c and 14-111k."